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LETTER DATED 22 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ARMENIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of His Excellency Mr. Levon Ter-Petrossian, President of the Republic of Armenia, dated 6 January 1993, regarding the joint statement by President Yeltsin and President Bush on 3 January 1993, on the conflict in Nagorny Karabakh.

I should be grateful if you would have this statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alexander ARZOUMANIAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: Russian]

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

The joint statement issued by the President of the Russian Federation and the President of the United States of America on 3 January 1993 concerning Nagorny Karabakh was interpreted in the Republic of Armenia as an expression not only of deep concern, but also of a realistic assessment of the role and responsibilities of those countries in helping to enhance the effectiveness of the process of political settlement of the conflict in Nagorny Karabakh within the framework of the peace initiatives of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The Republic of Armenia has repeatedly given tangible proof of its commitment to political means of settling problems and its readiness to achieve understanding on the basis of mutually acceptable proposals that take into account the interests of the parties; it reaffirms its policy of refraining from the use of force and seeking compromises that are consistent with the supreme interests of the Armenian and Azerbaijani peoples, as well as the interests of security and cooperation in the region, Europe and the world.

The conflict in Nagorny Karabakh can and should be settled not by military means, but by peaceful means, not on the battlefield, but at the negotiating table. The military confrontation, based on arithmetical calculations and on false illusions about achieving unilateral superiority, is criminal and has no future.

Deeply appreciating the readiness of the Russian Federation and the United States of America to continue working together to further the search for solutions, primarily within the framework of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the leadership of the Republic of Armenia calls on the leadership of the Azerbaijani Republic to set aside all hesitation and misgivings and to resume, without delay, bilateral and multilateral consultations and negotiations with all the parties to the conflict and all the parties concerned, with a view to bringing about an immediate cease-fire in Nagorny Karabakh and the border regions as the first step towards a peaceful settlement of the conflict.

Erevan, 6 January 1993